

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Young children need healthy meals to learn. This letter is intended for parent or guardians of children enrolled at either a child care center or a family day care home. _____ offers healthy meals to all enrolled children as part of our participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP provides reimbursements for healthy meals and snacks served to children enrolled in child care.

Please help us comply with the requirements of the CACFP by completing the attached income application as soon as possible. In addition, by filling out this form, we will be able to determine if your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced price meals.

The completed form will be placed in our files and treated as confidential information. All children in our program receive their meals free of charge, but the determination of eligibility category affects the amount of federal funding received by the center. If your household's income is equal to or less than the amounts indicated for your household's size on the chart below, the center will receive a higher level of reimbursement.

1. **Do I need to fill out an income application for each of my children in day care?** Complete and submit one CACFP income application form for all children in your household only if they are enrolled in the same center or home. We cannot approve a form that is not complete, so be sure to read the instructions carefully and fill out all required information. Return the completed form to: _____.
2. **Who can get reduced priced meals?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Chart, attached with this application.
3. **May I fill out a form if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for meal benefits offered at the center.
4. **Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include all people in your household (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.
5. **How do I report income information and changes in employment status?** The income you report must be the total gross income listed by source for each household member received last month. If last month's income does not accurately reflect your circumstances, you may provide a projection of your monthly income. If no significant change has occurred, you may use last month's income as a basis to make this projection. Once properly approved for free or reduced price benefits, whether through income or proof of benefits as supported by a current Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or K-TAP case number, you will remain eligible for those benefits for a period not to exceed 12 months. You should, however, notify us if you or someone in your household becomes unemployed and the loss of income during the period of unemployment causes your household income to be within eligibility standards.
6. **What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you only get it sometimes.
7. **What if I have foster children?** In certain cases, foster children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Fill out a separate application for each foster child in your care. However, if the foster children are siblings, each child may be listed on the same form. If this is a foster child, please indicate with a check mark on the application. Enter the foster child(ren's) personal use income (print "0" if the child has no income). Complete the form by proceeding to Part 4 and Part 5.
8. **The Kinship Care Program** operates under similar guidelines as that of foster care but the children are placed with family members. Under the Kinship Care Program, the state has custody of the child(ren) until permanent placement takes place (about 2 years later).
9. **We are in the military; do we include our housing and supplemental allowances as income?** If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative and you receive the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance, do not include these allowances as income. Also, in regard to deployed service members, only that portion of a deployed service member's income made available by them or on their behalf to the household will be counted as income to the household. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no person will be discriminated against because of race, color, nation origin, sex, age or disability.

If you have questions or need help, call _____ at _____.

Income Guidelines for Free/Reduced Price Meals Effective July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014				
Family Size	Free Meals		Reduced Price Meals	
	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly
1	\$1,245	\$14,937	\$1,772	\$21,257
2	\$1,681	\$20,163	\$2,392	\$28,694
3	\$2,116	\$25,389	\$3,011	\$36,131
4	\$2,552	\$30,615	\$3,631	\$43,568
5	\$2,987	\$35,841	\$4,251	\$51,005
6	\$3,423	\$41,067	\$4,871	\$58,442
7	\$3,858	\$46,293	\$5,490	\$65,879
8	\$4,294	\$51,519	\$6,110	\$73,316
For each additional family member add:	\$436	\$5,226	\$620	\$7,437

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve the participant for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application. The Social Security Number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number for the participant or other (FDPIR) identifier or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We will use your information to determine if the participant is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the Program.

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Sponsor Representative

Phone Number

If you have questions about the CACFP and its administration, you may contact Deanna Tackett, Division Director at 502/564-5625 or at the following address: School and Community Nutrition, Kentucky Department of Education, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.